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ALIEN SMUGGLER SENTENCED

Defendant Who Transported Illegal Alien Sentenced to Two Years Supervised Release

ALBANY, NEW YORK –TRUDIAN SIMMONDS, age 31, of Springfield, Massachusetts, was sentenced today to “time served” (7 days) and five months of home detention for transporting an illegal alien within the United States by United States District Court Judge Mae A. D’Agostino, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Wade Laughman, Patrol Agent-in-Charge, United States Border Patrol. Simmonds, who was found guilty on May 22, 2013 following a three-day jury trial, will serve the five months of home detention during two years of supervised release.

On August 9, 2012, Simmonds entered the United States alone from Canada at the Massena Port of Entry and then drove to a parking lot on the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation where she picked up a Jamaican citizen who had illegally entered the United States from Canada earlier that day. Simmonds was transporting the man away from the border area when she was stopped and arrested by Border Patrol agents.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Border Patrol, Massena, New York.

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